

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 18, 20 and 21 have been amended. New claim 22 is added.

The rejections based on Wang are overcome by the present amendments. Independent claim 1 (used as an example) recites a portion of the front part being 180 degrees or less opposite to a portion of the rear part along a circumference of the loop. In contrast, the elastic bands 31 of Wang are not opposite a portion of the rear sweatband 32.

New claim 22 is added and recites a portion of the front part is 180 degrees opposite a portion of the rear part along a circumference of the loop. In contrast, the front sweatband 32 of Wang is 180 degrees opposite the rear sweatband 32.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies in Wang.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

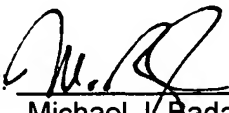
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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